

## SOCIAL AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

NEWS OF RAILROADS  
AND OF RAILROAD MEN

## Fraternal.

## Good Templars Meet.

A public meeting was held last evening under the auspices of the Minnehaha Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, in their hall, corner of G and Fifth Streets.

An interesting program consisting of music, songs, recitations, and humorous monologues was given. Those taking part were Miss Corby, Miss Balderson, Miss G. Wilkerson, Miss Merritt, Miss Wetzel, Miss Ford, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Ogg, and Mr. Wood. An address on curing the drink habit was made by J. E. Austin, late of London, England. The speaker produced a number of advertisements cut from local and other newspapers advertising various "drink cures," and went on to show the safest, best, and most permanent cure was had by entire abstinence from alcoholic drink.

## Candidates Initiated.

Cyrus Castle, No. 1, K. G. E. initiated a large class of candidates in the crusader's degree on Wednesday last, before a large gathering of members. His excellent degree team did good work. They were greatly honored by the presence of Supreme Representative T. H. Adams. Invitations have been issued to a grand reunion smoker, to be given by the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Society Temple, corner Fifth and G Streets northwest, on Tuesday, April 12, 8 p. m. Prominent speakers will be in attendance.

## Doings of the Macabees.

District tent No. 8 closed the month of March with 101 members, thereby stepping ahead of Golden Rule Tent No. 2.

Three tents in this city, Nos. 2, 3, and 9, failed to enroll any members during the month of March. The joint excursion committee met last Wednesday night and organized by electing George F. Caniff, of Mount Vernon Tent, chairman; Edith Van Ness, of Mount Vernon Tent, secretary; and Thomas L. Smith, of Metropolitan Tent, treasurer. The committee decided to hold its annual excursion at River View on June 10. All the tents in this jurisdiction responded to the call for a joint excursion but National Tent, Golden Rule Tent, and Capital Tent. These annual outings

are both pleasant and profitable to the order. The joint excursion committee will meet again next Wednesday night, the 6th inst., at Golden Rule Hall, 430 Ninth Street northwest.

Capit. Tent No. 9, has sold its lease on 623 Louisiana Avenue to a council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and has rented a hall of the Jolly Fat Men's Club, where its meetings will be held in the future.

## Order of Elks.

At the annual election of officers, Washington Lodge, No. 15, B. P. O. Elks, the following were elected for the ensuing term: Exalted ruler, Charles H. Utermehle; esteemed leading knight, Jesse S. Jackson; esteemed loyal knight, Robert E. Mattingly; esteemed lecturing knight, William M. Garrett; secretary, Richard A. O'Brien; treasurer, M. C. McCormick; tiler, B. B. Whitney; trustee, for three years, Emil G. Shaffer; representative to the grand lodge, R. C. Mitchell; alternate representative to the grand lodge, Richard A. O'Brien. The installation of officers will take place at the regular session to be held April 6, at the conclusion of which a social session will be held.

## Rebekah Lodge Meets.

Dorcas Rebekah Lodge met in regular session on Friday evening, with the complimentary of the progress of the lodge. The usual preliminary exercises interspersed with communications, being disposed of, the degree staff took charge and conferred the initiatory degree in a manner highly creditable to the staff and its director. A pleasing feature of the evening was the visit of Mrs. Mattie J. Nicholson, first noble grand of Dorcas Lodge, whose appearance in the lodge room was a signal for an outburst of applause.

Mrs. Nicholson made a brief address complimentary of the progress of the lodge. Addresses were made by Rebekahs representing various States, after which Deputy Grand Master W. H. H. followed with a report of the highly commendable step his subordinate lodge has taken in subscribing a very large proportion of the amount of funds necessary for the establishment of a new lodge at River View, and he very earnestly recommended that others embrace an early opportunity of emulating this example.

## Patriotic

## To Hold Annual Meeting.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their annual State conference in the Riggs House parlors April 6. At the morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock, reports of officers and chapter regents will be received, and at 2 p. m. there will be a session for the discussion of amendments and also for the good of the order.

## The Minute Men.

The First Regiment, Minute Men, M. A. Winter, colonel, assembled in their new armory, 1 Street northwest, near Fifth, on last Monday evening, and held their first regimental dress parade in the new drill hall. There is a spirit of emulation among the companies, and with such a feeling animating the members the future of the regiment is promising.

The board of equipment and publicity is discussing ways and means to bring the command up to a higher standard of efficiency than that which has been maintained for some time past. The board has devised a plan, which will be the subject of a report to the commanding officer, to thoroughly equip and uniform the entire regiment at an early date. If it is possible, this will be done before the trip to the St. Louis Exposition, which will be taken some time in June. It is also proposed to organize four more companies, making twelve, instead of eight, as now, which will give the command at least 200 more men and increase the total number to more than 1,000.

The medical staff of the regiment will hereafter consist of a regimental surgeon, with the rank of major; one assistant surgeon, with the rank of captain, and one assistant surgeon, with the rank of first lieutenant. Headquarters is in receipt of the following letter from Mrs. Fairbank:

"Allow me on behalf of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, to extend a cordial invitation to the First Regiment, Minute Men, to act as guard of honor during the meeting of the thirtieth continental congress, and also at the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial Continental Hall, at the intersection of D and Seventeenth Street northwest, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, April 19, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Colonel Winter has accepted of the above invitation, and will parade the regiment, upon the above occasion. It is expected that a large turnout will be made."

Company K, Capt. C. N. Beach, commanding, will on the evening of May 2 give one of their enjoyable dances at the National Rifles Armory.

B. Inge has been appointed first lieutenant, and A. Barton has been appointed second lieutenant of Company F. The Regimental Baseball League has been organized on Wednesday evening last, officers being elected and uniforms adopted. The league will meet again next Monday evening immediately after regimental assembly, to perfect details, schedules, etc., for the coming season. It is expected with the material at hand a most excellent team will be formed to form a part of the District League.

The following men, having applied for membership, approved by company commanders, headquarters has assigned them to the following companies: Company A—E. S. Rehill, E. Thomas, Harry Dodek.

Company B—J. E. Burdette, B. H. C. Gray.

Company C—M. Barnard, H. R. E. J. Hennig, E. Herbert.

Company C—L. R. Michael, R. C. L. D. Engel, Thomas F. Doyle.

Company F—A. Kaufman, H. Richmond, E. A. Lloyd, J. M. Carter, G. F. Thompson, M. Pennella, W. White, C. L. Phillips, F. E. L. F. C. Longstaffe, L. J. Gilbert, A. L. G. Longstaffe.

Company K—Charles L. Blessing, P. Ryan, F. A. Trodden, C. C. F. ley, William A. Wright, Emil B. S. S. Sharp, R. S. Taylor, J. E.

## LITERARY.

## O. A. B. Meetings.

The General Lafayette Council, No. 2, D. C. division, Order of the American Boy Scouts, held its monthly meeting Thursday, March 31. A humorous reading from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was rendered by H. W. Hodgkins; R. S. Madden read a composition on the Russo-Japanese war and other events of the month; G. W. Hodgkins gave a brief talk on current events in the United States, and the meeting closed with the reading of "William Henry Hodgkins, Drafted Man," by H. W. Hodgkins.

## Art Club Meets.

The Columbia Heights Art Club was entertained by Mary L. Hadley at the home of her mother, 1329 Harvard Street northwest, on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. S. A. Wohlhaupter presided. A short sketch of the life and works of Ulysses, the sculptor of the celebrated statue of Frederick the Great, was given.

To all who speak the English language the history of the great agony through which the "Dutch Republic" was the title of an excellent paper by Mrs. John Stokes, was ushered into life must have peculiar interest, for it is a portion of the record of the Anglo-Saxon race. The papers were discussed with animation and the fine sterling qualities of the Dutch received much praise.

Mrs. W. E. De Riemer spoke of the Dutch industries in New York, and told of the influence of the Dutch in Ceylon, where she resided for some years. Mrs. Garner gave a description of the national monument to William of Nassau, and Miss Barlow, of Philip the Good. Mrs. Clark spoke of "Woman's Fidelity," and Mrs. Dorris read a story of St. Cecilia. Mrs. Munro read a legend of the headress of the women of Holland.

The miscellaneous program was very entertaining, and consisted of music and recitations. Mrs. C. M. Nissen sang "Roundelay," by Lidgely, and "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes," by Cowen. She was accompanied by Mrs. Fisher. Sarah Bonde Barber recited a pathetic little story of "A Mother's Experience," and "The Mother's Experience." They like to be alone. Annie Marie Diddle played "Acacia," by Holst, and "The Mother's Experience." Mrs. Isabella Baker Chas. recited "Contentment is Better Than Riches," and "Widow Malone's Pig."

The invited guests were Miss Barber, Miss Redway, Miss Nissen, Mrs. De Riemer, Miss Diddle, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Kerr, and Mr. Chas.

## Pen Women Meet.

The League of American Pen Women held its usual open league course at headquarters, on March 23. There was a large attendance. Henrietta Dunlop gave several selections on the piano. Miss Anne Riley Hale, of Tennessee, gave a paper on "Her Home and Its Early Governors," that was much enjoyed. Della Hine Mertz read a paper, entitled, "Encourage the Ambitious Girl." Mrs. Lorena Hill Morris contributed two original poems: Mrs. Moore Murch, "The Mother's Experience," and Mrs. Aline Shane Devine gave an account of her visit to the White House. The camp has a belle, Walter Paris invited the women into his studio, and played several delightful violin selections, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Theodore Cunningham, the president of the league.

## STORIES TOLD BY AND ABOUT CONGRESSMEN

## He Was "Unfortunate."

Representative Clayton of Alabama had a letter from home the other day telling him of an epidemic of measles which was knocking over his young ones. "This causes me to remember," said the Congressman, "a story I heard of an epidemic of fever which broke out on the plantation of an Alabama planter. The fever prevailed for several weeks, and a number of the negroes died, although the doctor was called for medical attention. One family, however, who lived some distance from the 'negro quarters' escaped the disease altogether."

"One morning, after the epidemic had spent its force, and matters about the plantation were getting in running order, the planter congratulated the old negro who had escaped, saying: 'Uncle Tobe, you have been fortunate in not having the fever, and that all your family escaped. You ought to be as happy as the lark which sings in the meadow over there, Tobe.'"

Mrs. Jones replied: "Uncle Tobe, with a weebone look on his face, 'wharfore does it 'pear dat I 'foun fortun't, an' dat I should coper 'foun' like de killees in de medder? Dars all dem t'ing niggers on dis plantation er layin' up in dere beds an' reclin' er weeks an' gittin' de best of de medder, wharfore bin er workin' like an off-hoss hitched to er load er cotton. No, sah, Mrs. Jones; I don't feel fortun't nor happy 'bout dis matter, sah.'"

## The Puzzle Solved.

"The dot contests, the 'how old was Ann?' and all the other guessing feeds," said Representative Ketcham of New York, "were knocked completely and entirely out by a 'guess it' I heard a drummer get off on a Baltimore and Ohio smoker the other day. 'Twas this: 'A man without arms, another without legs, another who was blind, and a fourth who didn't have on a stitch of clothes, all went hunting. The blind man saw a rabbit, the man without arms shot it, the man without legs ran and picked it up, and the man without clothes put it in his pocket. Now, my friends, what was it?'"

## A Choice of Jobs.

A Southern Representative received a letter from one of his constituents saying that it was understood in that section of Georgia that there would be a clean sweep made of the office Department; that nearly all the clerks would be dismissed, and that he supposed there would be an opening for a good job for him in Washington.

"I answered my friend and supporter," said the Representative, "but it was not an encouraging reply. I told him that he was laboring under a misapprehension or nightmare, for the Post-office Department was running along as usual, but that it did begin to look like some of the 'statesmen' would be wiped off the earth and cut out of our jobs by the department. I told him to stay

where he was, that pulling a bell cord over a gray mare was far better than riding a white horse in the department or a seat in Congress."

## Rough on Congress.

John C. Johnson, of Oconee county, Ga., formerly secretary to Representative Lawson, of that State, has been urged by friends to make the race for Congress against the present member from the eighth district, Hon. W. C. Cawood. That Mr. Johnson does not care to come to Congress is clearly shown in a published card in which he says:

"My four years' experience in the atmosphere where Congressmen are only ordinary mortals, the most of whom are well known only at their hotels and boarding houses, and to their constituents during seed time and through the other franking privileges caused my desire to be a Congressman to perish. Not to this good hour has the desire returned to me to join the debating society that is constantly disturbing the business interests of our great country by their pow-wows on Capitol Hill. I have some pride left and a soul to save, and I feel that I would lose both in Washington. I had rather be respected and honored here in my county home than to 'play second fiddle in Rome.'"

## Effect of a Pie.

"When I see people lining up at the pie counter in the House restaurant," says Representative Gooch of Kentucky, "I am reminded of a story the evangelist, Sam F., told me about a young man who contemplated unloading himself with the church, but at one of the services got up and told the evangelist that he didn't feel that all was exactly right with him; that the night before he had a vision that his mother appeared at the foot of his bed and told him to consider well the step he was about to take."

"The young man finished his 'vision-dream' talk and sat down. Sam Jones looked at him just a moment, and then said in his drawl way:

"I want to ask you a question, my friend. I've been thinkin' about a young man look at you. Now, sir, what did you eat for supper last night?"

"Mr. Jones," came the reply, "I was not feeling very well, and I only took a half of a mince pie."

"A half of a mince pie? My, my—a half of a mince pie? Now, let me tell you what you do. Go right home and eat the other half of that mince pie, and tonight you will see your mother and your grandmother. A half of a mince pie; my, my!"

## His Reputation.

Representative Roberts of Massachusetts relates an interesting story regarding a former well-known minister of Lunenburg, that State, "Parson Adams," says the Representative, "was a divine of high character and influence, both with laymen and his brother clergymen. He was held in both veneration and fear, particularly by the younger members of the community, who looked upon

## Religious.

## Episcopal Church Notes.

The April visitations by the bishop are as follows: April 8, even-song, St. Monica's Chapel; April 10, first Sunday after Easter, Christ Church; April 17, matins, St. Paul's Rock Creek; even-song, Trinity Church, Takoma; April 24, matins, St. Stephen's; even-song, St. Mark's; April 27, even-song, Christ Church, Rockville.

The endowment fund of the Church of the Epiphany has been increased by \$5,500 in the last year. It now amounts to \$35,460.

The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Jr., of the diocese of Albany, has accepted the position of assistant at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, under the charge of the bishop.

The Bishops' Guild will hold its annual corporate communion on Easter Monday in "The Little Sanctuary" of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul.

## Mite Society Entertains.

One of the most enjoyable socials ever given by the Mite Society of Gorsuch Methodist Episcopal Church was held at the church by that society on Monday evening, at which an excellent musical and literary program was given.

L. Gooch, secretary of the society, called it to order, with C. W. Flitton, Jr., as acting secretary. In the absence of William R. Hunt, who was unavoidably detained on account of illness. After the regular routine business of the society had been transacted, he turned over the meeting to a committee of young people, consisting of George LaRoach, Allen F. Moore, Ernest H. Pullman, Charles W. Flitton, Jr., Edgar A. Moore, Alfred Mose, and Daniel Sherwood, who then presented a pleasing literary and musical program. G. W. Sollers gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the methods employed in the police stations in dealing with persons under arrest. Eva Smith then sang "Always in the Way," and was followed with a humorous recitation by Nellie Rambo. Daisy Taylor and Edna Taylor then sang "Kentucky Babels," and in response the Rev. Harold M. Rider, of My Heart Away for You; "Always do as People Say You Should," and "You Can't Fool All the People All the Time."

This concluded the program, after which supper was served. Those present were George Z. Colson, Mrs. George Z. Colson, J. H. Gooch, Mrs. H. Gooch, Nellie Rambo, Daisy Taylor, Edgar A. Moore, George LaRoach, Mrs. George LaRoach, Eva Smith, May B. Taylor, C. W. Flitton, Jr., Ernest H. Pullman, Miss Edna Taylor, Ivy Simpson, Florence Taylor, Kate M. Pullman, Eugene Rider, the Rev. Harold M. Rider, Allen F. Moore, Daniel Sherwood, Mrs. S. H. Sherwood, Mrs. Daniel Sherwood, G. W. Sollers, Mrs. G. W. Sollers, Mrs. Harriett Hunt, Joseph R. Hunt, Mrs. Joseph R. Hunt, Fannie Sorrells, Gertrude E. Cook, Fannie R. Flitton, John F. Akers, Mrs. John F. Akers, Mrs. E. F. Moore, Mrs. C. J. Crymes, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Kienly, Hattie Sherwood, Mrs. Foulke, Lulu Flitton, Mrs. Emma Warren, Lillie Engle, and Frank Warren.

## Epworth League Notes.

The topic for the devotional meeting on Sunday evening will be "Our Victorics Through Christ," references for which will be found in First Corinthians, xv:50-52. The services will take the form of an Easter meeting.

The District president, Dr. John H. Wier, conducted the devotional service at Kensington (Md.) Chapter on last Sunday evening. This chapter has not as yet been organized, but is doing splendid work. Later the District officers will visit Kensington and install the officers. Mrs. C. J. Crymes will conduct the devotional service at Gorsuch Chapter on Sunday evening. The Rev. Harold M. Rider, the pastor of the church, was in charge of the service last Sunday.

The District Board of Control will hold its regular monthly session on Wednesday evening next, April 6, to which all members of that body are urged to be present as important matters of league interest will come up for final consideration.

The Washington Leaguers who attended the Baltimore Conference League rally at Baltimore on Tuesday evening last returned home most enthusiastic.

A noticeable fact in connection with the election of the officers is that the election of R. L. Reamy, of Baltimore, and a layman has been elected to that position in the Baltimore Conference District League, all other presidents having been ministers of the church.

It is urgently requested of all league officials in the District that they send league items for publication to E. H. Fullman, 409 H Street southwest, not later than Wednesday evening of each week.

## Theosophical Society.

A review of the year's work by this branch shows satisfactory results. The attendance has been good although the weather has been the most unfavorable.

The meeting last Thursday at its hall, third floor of 110 F Street, was without doubt the brightest and most entertaining of the series.

The program was varied and entertaining, consisting of music, recitations, essays, and discussion. The subject was "An Evening With Sir Edwin Arnold," and everyone present contributed to the evening's entertainment.

Next Thursday, the present officers retire and new ones will be elected under their constitution.

## Episcopal Church Notes.

St. Thomas is hoping for a liberal Easter offering today toward the reduction of \$70,000 debt and to aid the organ fund. Apropos of this same debt is the following interesting incident:

The archdeacon of Duluth visited St. Thomas in March. In talking to the rector after the service, he said:

"I understand the church has a fine ornament upon it."

"An ornament," repeated the rector, whose thoughts were of the cross on the hill. "An ornament? Oh, yes, that is what I was thinking of. A \$70,000 one. Yes, yes; the finest in the city."

Fifty per cent of the track approach to the new Long Bridge was filled in with earth and the new bridge, the week just ended. It is expected the approach is going to be completed not later than Friday, when the work of building the bridge proper is to be commenced.

More than a thousand men are at work on the two Union Station tunnels and the site of the Union Station. Much progress was made in the week just ended. There is little to be seen, however, except great holes in the ground. These excavations seem, though, to be of great interest to the public, hundreds of people crowding about them all day. The greatest point of interest is the Virginia Avenue tunnel at New Jersey Avenue, where the excavation is now nearly half a mile long and fifty yards wide. At Eckington the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad engineers and contractors have been working so rapidly that all of the main freight yards are already being completed. Tracks have been long laid and business is now being transacted from the new structures.

## HUGE EXCAVATIONS.

The site of the Union Station has been partly inclosed in a huge stone wall. The site is now one immense hole in the ground, with a hill here and there showing for the surface. These hills are being removed rapidly by armies of borers. The work of laying the main foundations is to be commenced this week. The bridge over the Anacostia River has been practically completed. In all there are now more than 8,000 men at work on the railroad improvements, and all of the immense operations are beginning to take on an appearance which indicates the nature of the buildings that are to occupy them.

## GREAT CONGESTION.

No class will be better pleased when all of the improvements have been completed than the railroad men themselves. The local officers of nearly all of the lines are at work daily to take care of the business in and out of Washington. There is probably no railroad station in the world which is so congested with traffic as the Pennsylvania structure at Sixth Street. Delay and general confusion is now regarded as a part of the daily conditions there. There are more than 100 trains passing over Long Bridge daily. The station is used by trains of the Pennsylvania, the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern, and the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac, and all of these lines are operating heavy passenger schedules. As a result of the great traffic delay is inevitable, and when their trains are only half an hour or so behind the railroad men do not "kick." "It is hard all around," said a traffic man of the Pennsylvania yesterday, "but we are resting content in the belief that our trains are going to be running into the Union Station next inauguration."

## ALEXANDRIA'S PLAIN.

One sufferer on account of the crowded condition of the bridge is Alexandria, because of the number of trains the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon cars are frequently delayed for periods ranging from a half to a whole hour. Naturally the man or woman

anxious to get home or to Washington blames the company and prepares an attack upon Manager Schwartz. The latter, in speaking of the complaints that have been made, said yesterday: "We are not only willing, but are anxious to meet the Alexandria people and co-operate with them. We have no desire in the world to cause dissatisfaction. There is, however, the delay at the bridge, which we cannot overcome. As soon as the new bridge is completed we can guarantee that this delay will be ended."

## RUSH WORK.

The week was a busy one for the Old Dominion and Great Falls line. The widening of the Aqueduct Bridge, so that the cars of the system can get into Washington, was nearly completed. Tuesday or Wednesday will see the bridge ready for the trucks. The grading went ahead so rapidly that little remains to be done on the first section of the work. In the cross-town matter the railroad won a victory, getting a report from the Senate committee so favorable that the measure will, it is said, pass the Senate without much opposition early in the week.

## PERSONALS.

Col. A. Reed, district passenger agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, is enjoying himself fishing in Florida. He returns to Washington in two weeks.

Harry Houser, of the Baltimore and Ohio, spent several days of the week in New York attending to Chinese passenger business.

W. S. Bronson, assistant general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, has broken the special train record for some time in this direction out eleven for the launching of the Virginia.

Augustus Uhrlich has been made chief clerk to General Manager Ackert, of the Southern, vice E. E. Norris, who is made chief clerk of the transportation department.

Rumors are in circulation to the effect that General Passenger Agent Hardwick, of the Southern, is about to resign to accept a similar office with the Rock Island. Mr. Hardwick declines to discuss the rumor.

## PREVENTING CHIMNEY FIRES.

Chief Engineer Horton, of the fire department, reports to the effect that the burning of zinc, soda or sulphur in stove or furnace would extinguish a chimney fire and also clean the chimney. He has been making a series of tests for some time in this direction and has found this simple solution of the chimney-fire evil to be very effective and successful.

According to the chief, it is the fumes that extinguish the flames and cause the soot to fall. He says that he has not new discovery, especially with sulphur, but that it was a means by which any household could prevent an embryo fire.—Baltimore Sun.



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